SECOND REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The second regular council meeting of the City of Denison, Iowa, was held pursuant to law on the above date and hour. Mayor Soseman called the meeting to order with the following members present: Granzen, Logan, Miller, and Zupp-Smith Absent: Curnyn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Granzen, seconded by Miller, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
PUBLIC HEARING	5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Miller, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve the following items on the consent agenda and table item g, approve the Special Event Permits and waive the fees: Tri-City BBQ Fest 2025: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for January 7, 2025 regular meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve cash & activity report-12/2024; d) approve budget report-12/2024; e) approve bank reconciliation-12-2024; and f) approve liquor licenses for: Antojitos el Chero; Premise Street; Class C Retail License. Motion carried unanimously.
NO CITIZEN INPUT	There was no citizen input.
CDC TOURISM REPORT	Paul Plumb, Chamber Director, gave the Tourism report. The Chamber is currently working on an ad for the Western Iowa Tourism publication. They are looking at taking over Hot Summer Nights in collaboration with Women in Business (WIBO). He stated BBQ fest was a success, they attended a Western Iowa Tourism meeting, and will attend a tourism conference in March. The Chamber will be meeting with the state tourism coordinator and learn about state programs. Plumb shared state data from Western Iowa Tourism regarding Crawford County. Council inquired about the BBQ festival financials and Plumb stated they were in the positive a few thousand dollars.
BELL CABIN DISCUSSION	5:05 p.m. public hearing was held concerning the transfer of ownership of the Bell Cabin. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.

APPROVED PAY APPLICATION 3 FROM JENSEN BUILDERS FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER	Motion by Miller, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve Pay Application 3 from Jensen Builders for the Crawford County Wellness Center project, in the amount of $490,048.46. Motion carried unanimously. Garcia reported that the Friends of the Wellness Center are making payments to the City and she has applied for disbursements from Destination Iowa grant.
MAYOR APPROVED TO SIGN AGREEMENT	Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to allow the Mayor to sign the Agreement to Transfer and Relocate Bell Log Cabin and allow the Mayor to sign Bill of Sale. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2025-05 INTRODUCED	Resolution #2025-05 was introduced taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to adopt Resolution #2025-05. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2025-06 INTROUDUCED TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE	Resolution #2025-06 was introduced setting a public hearing to amend zoning ordinance. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to set the public hearing for February 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and adopt Resolution #2025-06. Motion carried unanimously.
MONETARY PLEDGE DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on a monetary pledge to the Bell Cabin project. Christy Rickers reported the County Supervisors pledged $4,000.00. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Miller, to match the County's contribution and to pay the pledge out of the Tourism fund. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED TEMPORARY SITE LICENSE WITH AT&T	Discussion was held on the proposed agreement for the Temporary Site License with AT&T (New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and its affiliates). Garcia stated the renewal agreement is a $1,000.00 per month and is effective until a permanent structure is erect. Motion by Miller, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve Temporary Site License with AT&T (New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and its affiliates). Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED QUOTE FROM RICE TRAILER CO FOR DISPLAY	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Miller, to approve the quote from Rice Trailer Co, for a Drunk Driving Display, in the amount of $2,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Council would like to receive additional quotes for insurance.
2025 BOND DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on the 2025 bond. Council would like to include M Avenue, $45,000.00; Donna Reed Bridge Design, $46,000.00; Underground Storage Tank Removal, $33,500.00; 2nd Ave S from S Main to 15th St, $1,148,520.00; Airport Road Cracksealing, $88,590.00; partial snow plow, $120,000.00; and 20th Street Storm Sewer, $255,000.00. Council would like Beck Engineering to start engineering the Avenue C approaches and may include the amount in the borrowing and use cash on hand to pay a portion of the project cost.

2025 BOND DISCUSSION CONT'D	Council inquired what the City should carry in cash balances. Flaherty will contact the financial advisor. Flaherty will also confirm interest rates to see if the 2018 bond should be refinanced.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Soseman reported that she attended a LULAC meeting and a LULAC legal meeting. She stated the LULAC festival will be held in June. She reported that she met with the seniors and the proposed lease agreement has been given back to City. Soseman stated she will attend the Rural Housing Assessment meeting on Thursday and is working on a partnership with the Chamber and WIBO to take over Hot Summer Nights festival.
CITY MANAGER REPORT	Garcia stated she is working on the Brownsfield grant and reported there are several Phase I's. The engineer would like to propose a corridor reuse plan and this will help expend the grant funds. She has been meeting with Homeland Security and FEMA groups regarding project options and looking at scoping grants for a flood levee and safe room. She will present a proposal when she has more information. Garcia reported that she is working on STBG grant and will meet with Beck Engineering and Region XII tomorrow to review the past application.
FY 25/26 BUDGET DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on the FY 25/26 budget. Chief Trejo presented the Police Department budget. Trejo would like to increase the wages, purchase two vehicles, purchase new in-car cameras, add a retention bonus, and increase the training line.
WAGE DISCUSSION	Flaherty stated that herself and Garcia are working on comparable wages. Curnyn and Logan would like to be on a committee to review wages.
PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET DISCUSSION	Olson, Public Works Director, presented the Public Works budget. He would like to purchase a telehandler and a new truck.
BUDGET DISCCUSSION CONT'D	Garcia and Flaherty presented the Solid Waste budget, TIF budget, Senior Center budget, and Dog Pound budget.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk